

**SKINNER WEST CLASSICAL, FINE ARTS & TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL  
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT  
October 20, 2020**



**VISION:** The Mark T. Skinner School's vision is to be the premier elementary School in metropolitan Chicago for educating special children (Special Education, Classical, and Neighborhood), and to serve as the outstanding model for all such schools.

**LRE MANDATE:** LRE requires that to the maximum extent appropriate students with disabilities, including students in public or private institutions or other care facilities are educated with students who are non-disabled.

**I. SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES**

- A.** Assistant Principal Candidate Interviews with ILT & LSC
- B.** Instructional Leadership Team Meeting
- C.** Textbook Pick-Up-Variou Grade Levels
- D.** Debate Club Materials Pick-UP
- E.** LSC Application Deadline
- F.** Spanish Textbook Pick-Up Kindergarten
- G.** LSC Position Ballot Lottery
- H.** Multi-Tiered System of Support Staff Meetings
- I.** Records Disposal Meeting with CPS Staff
- J.** Textbook Disposal
- K.** No School- Indigenous Peoples Day
- L.** New Textbook Arrivals
- M.** New Chromebook (300) Arrival
- N.** Spanish Textbooks for Grades 1-2- Still waiting for delivery
- O.** Food Distribution Continues
- P.** 5<sup>th</sup> Week Progress Reports
- Q.** School Improvement Committee Meeting
- R.** Remote Learning Plans Posted on Website- On Mondays

S. E Newsletter

## II. PERSONNEL

### A. Medical Leave:

- **Jermont Hughes-** Lunchroom
- **Marlene Cox-** Engineer
- **Katherine Daigle-** Grade 3 Extended Leave to Dec
- **Julie Rzadzki Kendall-** PreK Going on Maternity Leave Nov 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Kori Milroy-** Science Teacher
- **Vance DuRivage-** Cadre Sub- Leave starting Oct 26

### B. We Welcome:

- **Tim Tobin-** Substitute Engineer

### C. Condolences

- **Bianca Hogans-** Pre-k teacher assistant, passing of her husband in August
- **Michelle Reeves-Twine,** Kdg Teacher, passing of her son in August
- **Jeffrey Merkin-** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, passing of his father in Oct

## III. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CIWP

### Support Area: Quality Instructional Program

#### A. We purchased Curriculum Site Licenses and Textbooks

- Spanish Grades 1,2 &4
- Mystery Science K-5
- Gizmos Science 6-8
- Seesaw Pre-K-1
- Flocabulary K-8

#### B. Neighborhood Students to Classical Program

Congratulations to another neighborhood student who was accepted into the Classical Program!

#### C. 5<sup>th</sup> Week Progress Reports- Should be arriving home this week by mail

D. **Chromebooks-** Our new shipment of 300 chromebooks arrived this week.

**Support Area: Student Centered Learning**

- A. Our **enrollment** is approximately 1,177 students
- B. **Debate Team-** Mr. Lee distributed Debate Materials to students last week- This year's topic: Resolved: The United States Federal Government should enact substantial criminal justice reform in the United States in one or more of the following : forensic science, policing, sentencing.

**Support Area: School Leadership**

- A. **Principal Clark** attended and Skinner's Instructional Leadership Team & staff interviewed the five AP candidates on 9/30 & 10/1/20
- B. **Principal Clark** and the LSC interviewed the two AP finalists on 10/19/20. Our two finalists will speak and interact with some of our 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders on Thursday and Friday.
- C. **Principal Clark** attended virtual ISP principals meetings on various topics around remote learning including re-opening with our Pre-K & ODLSS Cluster Programs. A Parent meeting for our Pre-K and Cluster programs will be set next week.

**Support Area: Parent & Community**

- A. **Our LSC Position Lottery-** We held our LSC Position lottery on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. We have 11 parents, 4 community, 2 teachers, and 1 non-teaching staff running.
- B. **School Improvement Committee Meeting** was held on 10/15/20
- C. **LSC-** Interviewed our AP finalists on Monday 10/19/20
- D. **LSC Candidates Forum-** was held tonight at 5:00

**Support Area: Professional Development**

**IV. FACILITIES/ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- A. Many thanks to Sodexo, Ms. Sharon Buick for providing us with two huge dumpsters to discard outdated textbooks and broken equipment.
- B. Many thanks to CPS staff for putting up safety signs around the building in preparation for when students return to in person learning.

**V. LUNCHROOM**

**VI. BUDGET** – Our 10<sup>th</sup> Day Allocation is showing an enrollment change from 1225 to 1186 students. A decrease of 39 students showing a reduction of \$191,605.83. However, schools will not receive any funding cuts this school year.

**VII. HANDOUTS-** 10<sup>th</sup> Day Budget Report

**VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS-** None